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1. IATF HAS RECEIVED NUMBER OF INQUIRIES, INCLUDING ONE
FROM SENATOR INOUYE'S OFFICE, REGARDING VIETNAMESE STUDENTS
IN PHILIPPINES WHO ARE BEING ASSISTED BY AID EMPLOYEE
MICHAEL D. BENGE AND WHO SEEK PAROLE INTO U.S. UNDER
CURRENT INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROGRAM. AID PROGRAM OFFICER
ROBERT HALLIGAN DISCUSSED CASE WITH BENGE SEPT. 11.
INQUIRIES RECEIVED HERE DO NOT GIVE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
CONCERNED OR DETAILS WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO DETERMINE
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(1) WHETHER THEY MEET THE CRITERIA FOR PAROLE SET FORTH

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IN THE TWO REFERENCED TELEGRAMS, (2) WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE SPONSOR(S) TO WHOSE HOME(S) THEY WILL BE ABLE PROCEED AFTER U.S. RECEPTION CENTERS CEASE TO ACCEPT NEW PAROLEES OCTOBER 31. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY AWARE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED THAT IF THESE PERSONS WERE SELECTED THROUGH FORMER GVN FOR SEAMEO PROGRAM FOR STUDY AT SEARCA, THEY WOULD QUALIFY FOR PAROLE UNDER CURRENT PROGRAM UNDER GUIDE-LINES PERTAINING TO VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

2. BASIC QUESTION RAISED IN INQUIRIES RECEIVED HERE IS WHETHER PAROLE CAN BE GRANTED ON A POSTPONED BASIS, I.E., CAN WE AUTHORIZE PAROLE AT THIS TIME FOR PERSONS WHO WILL NOT ACTUALLY ENTER U.S. UNTIL AFTER (IN SOME CASES, LONG AFTER) CESSATION OF CURRENT INDOCHINA REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 31? INS/CO POSITION IS THAT ALL PAROLE CASES MUST BE CONSIDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AFTER OCT. 31. WHILE THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY URGENT AND UNUSUAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE, WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE DETERMINATION REGARDING BOTH PAROLE AND TIMING OF PAROLE.

3. AMONG ITEMS OF INFORMATION NEEDED TO ASSIST IATF IN REVIEWINGTHIS CASE ARE (1) NAMES OF REFUGEES; (2) CLAIMED GROUNDS FOR PAROLE; AND (3) AVAILABILITY OF SPONSOR(S) IN U.S. AFTER OCTOBER 31. (IS BENGE WILLING PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP IN U.S.?)

4. APPRECIATE REPORT FROM EMBASSY AND USAID MANILA TO ENABLE US MAKE DETERMINATION REGARDING PAROLE IN THIS CASE. INGERSOLL

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